

## REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Claim 22 has been amended. Claims 22 and 25-35 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 25-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) on the grounds of anticipation by Wallace et al. (6,322,576). The Examiner indicated that Fig. 12 and col. 5, lines 5-56 disclose at least one strand of flexible material with a first portion, and a second portion including a plurality of helical loops extending outwardly from a corner of the first portion. The Examiner referred to the attachment to the Office Action showing a cross-hatched area at the upper left-hand side of Fig. 12. In Wallace et al., Fig. 12 is described as showing the relaxed configuration of a coil made using the mandrels of Figs. 11A and 11B, showing a coil 550 wrapped around a round center post 560 and around four smaller round top pins 551, 552, 553, 554, and it appears that the area of the coil 550 that the Examiner has cross-hatched has smaller loops and therefore corresponds to the area of the coil 550 wrapped around the four smaller round top pins 551, 552, 553, 554 as shown in Figs. 11A and 11B.

Claim 22 has been amended to recite "said plurality of helical loops of said second portion having an end connected to said first portion and a free end." Claim 22 has also been amended to recite "a second operable, elongated configuration with a substantially helical coil shape with said free end of said plurality of helical loops extending outwardly from the first portion in its second configuration," and "said second portion in said second operable, elongated configuration filling and reinforcing the three dimensional

shaped portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature to be treated." Support for this amendment can be found in Fig. 3B showing the plurality of helical loops in the portion 9', and in the specification at page 9, lines 12-16.

The portion of the coil 550 in Fig. 12 of Wallace et al. identified by the Examiner does not include a portion of helical loops with a free end extending outwardly from the core first portion of the coil. Further, it can not be seen how the portion of the coil 550 in Fig. 12 of Wallace et al. cross-hatched by the Examiner would fill and reinforce the core first portion of the coil 550 identified by the Examiner in Wallace et al. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims as amended patentably distinguish Wallace et al., and that the rejection of Claims 22 and 25-35 on the grounds of anticipation by Wallace et al. should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or fees in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LLP

By: / James W. Paul /  
James W. Paul  
Reg. No. 29,967

JWP/eab

Howard Hughes Center  
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
Telephone: (310) 824-5555  
Facsimile: (310) 824-9696  
Customer No. 24201